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House Bills

HB 1896-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives
Appleton, Eickmeyer, Chase and Haigh)

Limiting geoduck harvest in parts of Hood Canal. Revised for 1st Substitute: Requiring a survey of all geoducks and sea cucumbers in Hood Canal. Revised for 2nd Substitute: Requiring a survey of geoducks and sea cucumbers that exist in Hood Canal. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Studying geoducks in Hood Canal.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/05)

Requires the department to conduct a study to determine if changes to the geoduck populations in Hood Canal have occurred over time. The study shall incorporate geoduck beds representative of the northern, central, and southern areas of Hood Canal. No later than January 1, 2006, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Requires the department to conduct a study to assess the relationship between the Hood Canal's geoduck population levels and environmental conditions, including dissolved oxygen concentrations.

Provides that, no later than December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Requires the department to conduct a study to establish an age profile and analyze the shell oxidation rate of Hood Canal geoduck. No later than December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 5 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Mar 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 11 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 91; nays, 3; absent, 4.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
Mar 29 NROR - Majority; do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Mar 30 Referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2310 by Representatives Sommers, Cody and Kenney

Prohibiting certain physician referrals.

Provides that a physician may not refer a patient, or direct an employee of or person under contract with the physician to refer a patient, for radiology services at a health

care facility in which the physician has a financial relationship.

Provides that no health care services contractor or health plan is responsible for payments for radiology services provided pursuant to an improper referral under this act.

Declares that a violation of this act constitutes unprofessional conduct under chapter 18.130 RCW.

Provides that an osteopathic physician or surgeon may not refer a patient, or direct an employee of or person under contract with the osteopathic physician or surgeon to refer a patient, for radiology services at a health care facility in which the osteopathic physician or surgeon has a financial relationship.

Provides that no health care services contractor or health plan is responsible for payments for radiology services provided pursuant to an improper referral under this act.

Declares that a violation of this act constitutes unprofessional conduct under chapter 18.130 RCW.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

Senate Bills

SB 5349-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Haugen, Berkey, Rasmussen, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Regala, Shin, Fraser, Jacobsen and Kline)

Creating a dyslexia reading instruction pilot program.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/05)

Finds that with proper diagnosis, appropriate instruction, hard work, and support from family, teachers, and the community, individuals who are dyslexic can succeed in school and life.

Finds that early identification and treatment is the key to helping dyslexics achieve.

Creates the dyslexia reading instruction pilot program, and shall be known as "The Lorraine Wojahn Dyslexia Pilot Reading Program." The purpose of the program is to improve instructional methods for students with dyslexia. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the program in up to five school districts, to the extent funds are available.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to conduct an evaluation of the pilot programs. Based upon the evaluation, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide information to educators throughout the state on effective practices in helping students with dyslexia.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, to the extent funds are available, to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the identification of students with dyslexia and the effectiveness of the educational services received by students with dyslexia.

Expires June 30, 2010.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 EKHE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.

- Mar 7 Referred to Ways & Means.
WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 1.

- IN THE HOUSE -

- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Education.
Mar 28 ED - Executive action taken by committee.

SB 5530 by Senators Kline, Esser, Weinstein, Roach, Fairley, Franklin and Kohl-Welles

Prohibiting discrimination in life insurance based on lawful travel destinations.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/05)

Provides that no life insurer may deny or refuse to accept an application for insurance, or refuse to insure, refuse to renew, cancel, restrict, or otherwise terminate a policy of insurance, or charge a different rate for the same coverage, based upon the applicant or insured person's past or future lawful travel destinations.

Does not prohibit any action described in this act when the insurer bases the action on sound actuarial principles.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.
- Feb 11 FHC - Majority; do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 11 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 2.

- IN THE HOUSE -

- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5659-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Morton, Hewitt, Poulsen, Honeyford, Mulliken, Fraser, Rockefeller, Regala, Sheldon, Keiser, Kline, Rasmussen, Oke and Kohl-Welles)

Authorizing renewable energy tax credits.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) Washington's utilities have been historical leaders in developing low-cost renewable hydroelectric energy, greatly benefiting the state economy;

(2) Washington has a long tradition of energy policies that support renewable resource development. These policies, which include financial incentives, have stimulated economic development, encouraged the development of renewable resources within the state, and protected the environment;

(3) Continuing and expanding financial and other incentives will stimulate the market for renewable energy technologies and renewable resources, helping to diversify the energy resources used to serve Washington's consumers while hedging against future fuel price risk;

(4) Fuel diversity, economic, and environmental benefits from renewable resources accrue to the public at large, and therefore it is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage consistent development of these resources to meet the state's electric demand and stabilize electricity prices.

Provides that, on or before December 1, 2007, and every two years thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the legislature on the amount of incentives provided for renewable resources, the amount of renewable resources produced by each type of renewable resource generation facility, the name and location of each generating facility, and the participating electric utilities.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5746-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Berkey, Fairley, Benson, Prentice, Sheldon, Haugen, McAuliffe, Kline, Schmidt, Mulliken and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State)

Requiring the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

Provides that, if a mandatory recount is required under RCW 29A.64.021 for an office where a candidate for the office must file the declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state, the county auditor shall determine the expense of conducting the recount and file an expense claim for such costs with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall reimburse the county an amount equal to seventy-five percent of the cost of the recount.

Provides that, if the recount was requested for an office where a candidate for the office must file the declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state, and the recount changed the results of the primary or election, the canvassing board shall file an expense claim for the costs of that recount with the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall reimburse the county an amount equal to seventy-five percent of the cost of the recount.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5767-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Haugen, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, Shin, Berkey and Hargrove)

Developing plans to address the housing needs of homeless persons.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each county to create a task force to develop a ten-year plan addressing short-term and long-term housing for homeless persons.

Provides that, in lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may designate an existing body which substantially conforms to this act and which includes at least one homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless representative.

Requires that, in addition to developing a ten-year plan to end homelessness, each task force shall establish guidelines, as needed, for the following: (1) Emergency shelters;

(2) Short-term housing needs;

(3) Temporary encampments;

(4) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; and

(5) Long-term housing.

Requires guidelines to include, when appropriate, standards for health and safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the homeless.

Requires each county to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature and to the department of community, trade, and economic development by January 2006, including information on guidelines developed, potentials for public-private partnerships to address homelessness, and requests for further involvement or support from the legislature. Each county shall continue to develop and coordinate planning efforts, with reports to the legislature of substantive changes and significant additional information.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 FHC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

Mar 7 WM - Majority; without recommendation.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Mar 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 16 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 34; nays, 14; absent, 1.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Mar 17 First reading, referred to Housing.
Mar 24 HOUS - Executive action taken by committee.
HOUS - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Mar 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5776-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Deccio, Jacobsen, Mulliken, Shin, Zarelli, Hewitt, Morton and Honeyford)

Extending the date when counties which have authorized facilities for agriculture promotion must allow a credit for city lodging taxes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Extends the date when counties which have authorized facilities for agriculture promotion must allow a credit for city lodging taxes.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5960-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Rasmussen)

Modifying the nutrient management plan sales and use tax exemption.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the nutrient management plan sales and use tax exemption.

Takes effect September 1, 2005, if the livestock nutrient management act in SB 5602 (2005) or HB 1615 (2005) has taken effect by September 1, 2005.

Declares that this act is null and void if the livestock nutrient management act in SB 5602 (2005) or HB 1615 (2005) has not taken effect by September 1, 2005.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5968-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Morton, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Delvin, Parlette and Mulliken)

Requiring a study of the economic and social contribution of agricultural fairs to Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to the availability of funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the department of agriculture shall contract for a study on the economic and

social impact of agricultural fairs on Washington state. This study shall include, but is not limited to, developing information on (1) the statewide and local impacts of fairs on employment, business income, taxes resulting from fair activity, civic and charitable organizations, youth development, and other business and social benefits, and (2) needed capital improvements.

Provides that the study shall seek assistance from the department of community, trade, and economic development to quantify the contribution by fairs and fairgrounds in attracting tourism to the state. An advisory group, appointed by the board of the Washington state fairs association, will help guide the study.

Requires the department to submit the report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than June 30, 2006.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6090-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Zarelli; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Making 2005-07 operating appropriations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes 2005-07 operating appropriations.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 25; nays, 23; absent, 1.

SB 6101 by Senator Prentice

Modifying public pension provisions.

Revises provisions relating to public pensions.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.